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VANCOUVER SINCLAIR USERS GROUP THIS ISSUE.....

This month we conclude Wilf R's. article on his ZVOICE. Wilf has also dropped off an article allowing us to greatly augment Ken A's. ZXDRAW from the summer issue. ....TURBO ZXDRAW!!! Harvey T. continues with his "Playing With Electricity" series. This time Harvey introduces us to Cyclic Redundancy Code, not that most of us require any introduction to this old friend. Uh huh, sure. Harvey also lets us in on the latest news from Motorola about the new MC68030 32 bit-er. All you QL'ers please pay special attention to Harvey's META MEDIA advert. John B's. WEYMIL CORPORATION has a new advert detailing some of the very high quality wares he carries. We welcome a new advertiser -- Gulf Micro Electronics. Their product is SMART TEXT TS-2068 - a complete administrative software package. A review of this program package is reprinted from TS Horizons. Make a note of the PCCFA's Swap Meet date. More on this inside. Reprinted from TIME magazine, for anyone who missed it, is the article about the North American intro of AMSTRAD's IBM clone. This machine could prove to be VERRRY INTERRRESTING. Rounding out the issue are some select reprints from the best of the NETWORK exchangers.

BITS & PIECES.....

...QL KIT for \$109.00US. This kit is not a do-it-yourself solder job but a plug together easy as pie in half an hour. A number of US groups are going together on a mass purchase from A+ Computer Response. Doug Dewey of the Triangle Users Group is acting as coordinator of the deal. For \$109.00US you receive: case with keyboard, completely built motherboard, 2 microdrives, power supply, RS232

cable, RGB cable, User manual, a short Tech guide, an assembly quide, and two blank drive cartridges. NOTE: no software or software documentation is included. THIS IS A TERRIFIC DEAL. If you want to get in on this, let me know I'll forward your name to He'll send you a card when the shipment is going out. then do you send any money. Remember, the QL is considered by those in the know to be such a fine machine that even though AMSTRAD has halted production, TWO OL clones are already on the market in Britain. ... AMSTRAD/SINCLAIR has come out with an improved version of the SPECTRUM...the Spectrum + 2. thing has everything: "real" keyboard, built-in tape recorder -- no volume or tone controls, joystick ports, RS 232, MIDI, RGB, TV, sound, optional external keypad. The word is that most software and hardware add-ons should work. Apparently a full review is in the October issue of Sinclair User. If anyone gets this particular mag, lets us know and we'll print a more in-depth report to share with all.

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A TIP OF THE FEDORA TO:

#### RENEWING MEMBERS:

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#### NEW MEMBERS:

Bill Jones, Panama City, Florida Joe.E.Jenkins, Amarillo, Texas Rusty Townsend, Richmond, B.C.

Welcome aboard boys, hope you enjoy the ride.

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NOTICE: From time to time we print hardware articles of a do-it-yourself nature. It should go without saying that we, meaning him the writer and me the editor, have no control over what you are doing if you attempt the suggested project. Therefor, if you smoke your machine, you have our sympathy but thats it. Any hardware article printed in this newsletter is either based on a project successfully completed by the author, or, if a reprinted article, been successfully completed and tested by the editor.

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NOTICE: the signal booster described in the October issue should be only used on a 2068. It has been mentioned that a 1000 might be liable to damage if the booster is used to boost the signal going into a 1000. Something about the voltage being too high for the ULA chip.

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Over the last little while, we have seen a renewed interest with speech synthesis on the ZX81. If anyone wants to experiment in this area, remember the club still has a supply of the I/O boards, ZSpeak boards, ZSound boards, and also some 16k boards. Contact the treasurer if you want to purchase any of these.

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### ERRATUM

In Ken Abramson's article, "Simple Textto-Speech in Software" in the last newsletter, one phonetic variable was in error. Line 20 should read: LET OR = 58

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## Pacific Coast Computer Fair Association's

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This year the PCCFA is holding their fair as a swap meet at Burnaby Central Senior Secondary on November 16, the Sunday right after our next meeting. The club has arranged with the organisers for 3 exhibition tables. Three FREE entry tickets are given with each table so those members manning the tables will not be required to pay an admission fee. Lets have everyone consider manning the club tables and demoing their systems. Lets surprise the MAINSTREAM GROUPS with the versatility of the Sinclair (Timex) family of computers. More discussion about the FAIR will take place at our upcoming meeting so make sure you attend.

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## MURPHY'S LAWS of COMPUTING (cont.)

You always find the information you need on the page you look at last.

The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.

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Software Review by Tex Faucette

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Please note that this a limited review. I began with this program some time ago, but before my review was completed my 2068 "expired." I hasten to note that the program had nothing to do with said demise.

Many programs may be evaluated and either reviewed or rejected in a single session at the keyboard. This IS NOT TRUE in the case of Bill Jones' SMART TEXT TS-2068. In fact, upon first reading the 70-page manual, my reaction was, "Egad, he has reinvented Wordstarl" Of course I jest. Nevertheless, a mere listing of the features and functons approaches the unbelievable.

Ouoting from the attractive cover of the latest (and in my judgement, improved) 70-page manual, SMART TEXT TS-2068 is, Integrated Administrative Software Featuring Data Base Management, Mailing List, Word Processing, Label Printing, Auto Letterheads, Form Letters, Repeat Print Multi-page Manuals (such as the one from which I am quoting), Direct Type-Print, Supports all Interfaces, Universal Printer Patch. Versions are available for Cassette and all Interfaces, Zebra OS-64 Cartridge, Aerco Disk, and A&J Microdrive.

All the above features would appear to stretch the capacity of the un-expanded 2068. Bill Jones admits that his first version ate up all available memory before he had all the features he desired, and he was forced to "invent" what he terms "DENSE PACK BASIC."

"DENSE PACK" being Bill Jones' invention, I leave the full tutorial chore to him. And, of course, I hope he will write it up for a future issue of TSH. In brief, the system utilizes all of the memory saving tricks I ever heard of plus more that may forever remain "beyond my ken." Such things as "PSEUDO-HEX variables' almost make sense to me, but such things as 10 conditional IF THEN statements with a few VALS thrown in residing in a single program line leaves me gasping for breath. Even so, IT IS BASIC and C. be readily modified by following instructions contained in the manual. In this regard, it behooves one to LLIST the program for reference during the modifications. It only requires somewhere around 12 feet of paper on the 2040 printer, and the results may be wrapped around a couple of of pieces of broomstick or mop handle for manual scrolling. Of course the knowledgable user will perform any such modification on a "working copy" of the program. According to the manual the original program length was 32K DENSE PACK yielded the current program length of only 20K

Use of the Universal Printer Patch requires entry of certain data obtained from one's printer manual (it should be noted that some older printers are sadly deficient in the manual department) and also may require editing of a few program lines. This operation is very thoroughly explained in the SMART TEXT MANUAL. Those who have ranted, raved, and resorted to strong language trying to make a printer behave will appreciate this feature.

SMART TEXT TS-2068 is menu-driven. In fact, there is an abundance of menus. Fortunately, the latest version of the manual has four pages of diagrams of menu relationships; a veritable "road map" to assist one in arriving at Proficiencyville. Data is stored in "array cells" or "data banks" by menu selection from whence it may be recalled in any desired order for further printing, or whatever. This results in a high degree of flexibility, but the rather complex system will require some study and usage before maximum productivity is attained.

I end up with mixed feelings concerning SMART TEXT TS-2068. It is much too complex a program for most of my writing chores. Yet, on the other hand, when I write The Great American Novel. . I will probably also have to publish it.

Due to the time lapse, I hesitate to quote prices for the various versions of SMART TEXT TS-2068, so why not write or call Bill Jones at the above address or number. Tell him who sent you.

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# **Megabytes for the Masses**

Amstrad prospers by selling computer hardware at soft prices

The headquarters of Amstrad Consumer Electronics in Brentwood, a gritty London suburb, looks as unpretentious as the company's products. The nine-story brick building is located atop a pub called the Railway Tavern. Inside, smudged fingerprints compete for attention with sales and production charts on the bare white walls, and foam rubber has started poking through the seams of several of the upholstered chairs in the conference room. Says a company spokesman: "The place has very much a working-class air

Amstrad can afford to look déclassé. At a time when the British personal-computer industry is sagging, Amstrad, which derives 80% of its revenues from the sale of computers and related products. has been leaping from one success to another. The company last month became the first European firm to introduce an inexpensive personal computer that is fully compatible with the popular IBM PC. Says John Clarke, electronics analyst for Capel-Cure Myers, the London stockbrokerage firm: "Amstrad and its chairman, Alan Sugar, are the rising stars of the United Kingdom's consumer electronics industry."

Two weeks ago the company announced that sales for the fiscal year ending last June 30 rose 123% over the year before, from \$197.2 million to \$440.8 million. Pretax profits were up 273%, from \$29 million to \$109.2 million. As a result. Amstrad was able for the sixth successive year to increase the dividend paid to stockholders, this time by 84%.

Amstrad's computers are not the most advanced models available. But Sugar knows how to spot a market, exploit it and keep costs down. "The root of Sugar's genius is that he sees things in very simple terms," says Keith Woolcock, an

electronics analyst with Chase Manhattan Securities. "He waits until the market matures and then moves into its mass phase." Unlike some other firms. Amstrad has not forgotten that its primary goal, in the words of Malcolm Miller, head of sales and marketing, is "giving the consumer what he or she wants at the price he or she can afford."

Sugar. 39. who grew up in the working-class neighborhood of East London and left school at 16. got his start in business by selling car-radio antennas from the back of a rented van. He founded Amstrad in 1968 as a wholesale distributor of cassette players, speakers and other electronic gear for cars. By 1970 the company had enough capital to manufacture its first product, plastic dust covers for stereo

turntables. Over the next few years the firm did well, but it was not until the late 1970s that Sugar came up with a hit: a low-priced, stackable stereo system. By the time Amstrad went public in 1980, the company was reporting annual revenues of \$13 million.

Even so, there were plenty of skeptics when, in 1984, Sugar launched his first computer, the CPC 464. The market was dominated by such established



Alan Sugar with his IBM-compatible PC 1512

"His genius is that he sees things in very simple terms.

firms as Sinclair, Acorn and Commodore. But Amstrad's computer had advantages: it was more reliable than some comparable models, and it was sold as an integrated package complete with keyboard, built-in tape drive, and a monitor so that it did not have to be plugged into a television set.

The CPC 464 was an immediate success. A year later, in July 1985, Amstrad introduced the PCW 8256, a dedicated word-processing computer aimed at both home users and small businesses. Following his strategy of offering a complete package, Sugar sold the 256-kilobyte PCW as a package—keyboard, monitor, disk drive and printer. Price: \$579, about the cost of a good electric typewriter. At the time of the launch, industry experts esti-

mated the British market for dedicated word processors at about 50,000 units a year. Over the next eight months Amstrad sold 300,000, and is now producing 50,000 a month. Once again Amstrad was able to offer a reliable product that was easy to use and sold for a fraction of the cost of competing units.

How is Amstrad able to do it? The company handles little of its production and distribution and thus avoids overhead costs. Manufacturing work is contracted out, mainly to Far East production centers in countries like South Korea. Says Jim Price, Amstrad's group operations manager: "The philosophy that runs

throughout the company is, Why not get somebody else to do it?" Amstrad's only disappointment so far concerning the PCW has been the slow sale of the computer in the U.S., where Sears World Trade, the distribution arm of Sears, Roebuck & Co., the giant Chicagobased retailer, has contracted to market the PCW through Sears' outlets and other major chains. In an effort to boost sales, Sears recently dropped the retail price of the PCW from \$699 to \$499.

Amstrad's new IBM clone, the PC 1512, promises to be one of Sugar's biggest triumphs. The initial reviews have been ecstatic. "The Amstrad PC is the most substantial, most exciting launch since the ark." says Chase's Woolcock. The basic model, with a monochromatic screen and 512 kilobytes of memory, sells for \$579, including monitor, keyboard and a single disk drive. The top-of-the-line model has a full-color screen, two disk drives and a 20-megabyte hard disk, all for \$1,375. At those prices, Sugar hopes to develop a new market among smaller businesses.

Amstrad is not pinning its future only on computers. The company has joined a consortium—at a reported cost of at least \$14.5 million—composed of two British independent television companies, Granada TV and Anglia TV, along with two other firms, Virgin and Pearson Long-

man Ltd. The consortium is one of six applicants bidding for the franchise to bring satellite television to Britain. Should the group win the license, which is to be awarded later this year, Amstrad would develop both the satellite dish and the "black box" decoder that subscribers will need to receive and unscramble the satellite signal.

The proposal is Amstrad's most ambitious yet. "We could be in on the ground floor of something that could be absolutely enormous." says Price. "It's a high-risk venture, but if you don't take risks, you don't make money." True to form, Amstrad projects that its hardware for satellite reception would retail for an affordable \$288.—By Marguerite Johnson. Reported by Steven Holmes/London

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"To turn left, you have to press Control Caps Shift and then L."

#### ZXDRAW TURBO SCREEN SAUF

#### PROBLEM:

Can the "major disadvantage" in the program ZXDRAW by KEN ABRAMSON (ZXAppealjul/aug 86) be eliminated?

#### ANSWER:

Can the TS1000 run machine code?

Well, as you can tell, I am poking a bit of fun at BASIC for the smalllike speed with which it performs some simple tasks. But if you are a BASIC programmer, do not dispair, there are some things at which BASIC excels.

The "major disadvantage" that KEN was referring to are the lines 400 to 450 and 540 to 590 of his program which "poke" and "peek" bytes from the DISPLAY FILE (DFILE) to the VAR D\$. The first routine which saves DFILE to the string variable can be easily replaced by the ML routine in LISTING 1.

The annotation gives the details but in general the routine saves DFILE to 1 of 8 strings in string array  $A\sharp(1-8)$ . The N/L characters are not saved, so that the screen can later be "LOADED" using: PRINT RT 0,0;  $A\sharp(n)$ .

First create LINE 1 REM (44 SPACES).

Them the decimal bytes in LISTING 2 can be poked into PROGRAM LINE 1 with a simple FOR/NEXT loop.

If you want to make LINE 1 invisible POKE

16514/5,118.

Typically BASIC calls the ML routine with : LINE 2 CLEAR : LINE 3 DIM A\$(8,704) : LINE 400 RAND USR 16516 Where n=1 to 8.

Run in the "SLOW" mode, the transfer is almost instantaneous and (this is Where the BASIC comes through) so is the PRINT A#(n) Which accomplishes the same in reverse order.

Note that the a\$ (8,704) array must be the FIRST defined variable although any other string array name may be chosen

We can use this routine with any program requiring the "SAVING" of screens to a variable but one of the more interesting applications will be to create some animation using KENS ZXDRAU.

WILF R. logging off.

#### ; LISTING 1

LD HL, (+16400); TOP OF VAR LD A. (+16434); LSB OF SEED DEC A; SEED MUST BE >=1 AND 7; MAX 8 SCREENS JR Z LPA; IF SCREEN=0,SKIP LD B, A; MULTIPLY NUMBER OF LD DE,+704; SCREEN BY +704 ADD HL,DE;+704=22\*32 CHAR DUNZ LP;TO FIND A\$(B+1) LD DE,8;OFFSET FOR HEADER LP LPA ADD HL,DE;A\$(N) ADDRESS EX DE,HL;TRANSFER TO DE LD HL,(+16396);DFILE ADDR LD B, +23; 22 LINES/23 N/LS LD A,(HL);GET DFILE CHAR CP +118;IS IT N/L? JR NZ LP1;IF NOT,GO SAVE INC HL;ELSE SKIP N/L LPO DUNZ LPØ; REPERT 23X RET; BACK TO BASIC LP1 LD (DE), A; SAVE CHAR IN A\$

INC HL; NEXT SCREEN ADDR

INC DE; NEXT A\$ ADDR.

JR LPØ; REPERT

#### ; LISTING 2

16516-42,16,64,58,50,64,61,230, 16524-7,40,7,71,17,192,2,25, 16532-16,253,17,8,0,25,235,42, 16540-12,64,6,23,126,254,118,32, 16548-4,35,16,248,201,18,35,19, 15556-24,242,

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Hopefully this month I will be able to kill 2 birds with one routine. Well, one concept, two implementations...in particular, of Cyclic Redundancy Code.

You might never have heard the term, but if you have used Xmodem, or a disk drive the chances are good that CRC has been there in the background watching for errors. I am not going to even try to explain the mathematics of it. If you are bound & bent to get into the why of it all, check the reading list below.

The other bird at hand, to begin mixing metaphors, is the question I commonly get asked; which is 'What is

so great about this 68xxx processor?'

I should set up the context. CRC is used in situations where you are moving data from one place to another serially. For example, in xmodem, data is arbitrarily divided into 128 byte blocks & the CRC of that block is computed, at the sending end & at the receiving end. In a disk drive, the CRC is done in hardware by the Disk controller chip & the user doesn't usually get to see anything but the results.

There are different sorts of CRC used; the generator in these examples is  $x^16 + x^12 + x^5 + 1$ .

In Z80 assembler this code will look something like this:

## \* Expects Byte in A , Updates CRCSTORE

UPDCRC	PUSH	BC	* SAVE WORKING REGS
	PUSH	HL	
	LD	B, 8	* COUNTER
	LD	C. A	* SETUP C
	LD	HL, (CRCSTORE)	
UPDLOOF	P LD	A, C	* GET CURRENT VAL
	RLCA		* BIT 7 TO CARRY
	LD	C, A	
	LD	A, L	
	RLA		* CARRY TO BIT Ø
	LD	L, A	* & BIT 7 TO CARRY
	LD	A, H	
	RLA		* EFFECTIVELY
*	LD	Н, А	* ROTATE HL
	JR	NC, SKIPIT	
*			
	LD	A, H	* BINARY MULT
	XOR	\$10	* BY \$1021
*	LD	Н, А	
	LD	A, L	
	XOR	\$21	
	LD	L, A	
*			
SKIPIT	DJNZ	UPDLOOP	* DO ALL 8 BITS
	LD	(CRCSTORE), HL	* UPDATE CRCSTORE
	POP	HL	
	POP	BC	* RETRIEVE REGS
	RET		

whether the intent of this code you or not, you will have to admit that the shenanigans one has to go through to manipulate 16 bits cause a pain in the lower portion of the anatomy. Contrast the above code with the 68000 code below.

Expects data in D1, Update CRCSTORE

UPDCRC MOVEM. L D1/D4/A3,-(A7) \* SAVE REGS LEA CRCSTORE, A3 MOVE. W (A3), D3\* GET CRC MOVEQ #7, DØ \* COUNTER CRCLOOP ASL. B #1,D1 \* BIT 7 TO X/C ROXL. W #1,D3 \* X/C TO BIT Ø, BIT 15 TO X/C BCC NEXTBIT EORI. W #\$1Ø21, D3 DBRA DØ, CRCLOOP MOVE. W D3, (A3) \* UPDATE CRCSTORE MOVEM. L (A7)+D1/D4/A3RTS

Which would you rather deal with? As for why would anybody want to be doing this, well take a gander at these articles.

Byte, September 1986, Page 114 Computer Language, June 85, Page 71 Any Math text on Error detection &/correction It is not my intent to knock the Z80, but rather to

Dr. Dobb's, June 1985, Page 66 Dr. Dobb's, February 1986, Page 26

demonstrate the power one gains when dealing with command set which allows almost every instruction operate on 8,16 or 32 bit data. This ability is not the sole possession of the 68xxx family. The NS32xxx family is similarly structured.

By the way before I go, there is another bird in the bush... NEWS FLASH: Motorola releases the generation 32 bit processor, the MC68030. I will append a Motorola document here below. Burst-fillable mode for on chip caches. Overall bus requirements

m MEGRESE announced mid September. According to this doc the new ip has all the features & functionality of the MC68020 as well as... On-chip demand paged memory management. A subset of the MC68851 PMMU used to translate each logical address to a corresponding physical dress. It supports page sizes from 256 bytes to 32K. Increased parallelism. Two independent 32 bit address buses and two bit data buses allow the CPU, caches, PMMU & bus controller to erate in parallel, so the MC68838 can, for example, simultaneously cess an instruction from the instruction cache, data from the data che, and instruction/data from external sempry.

got a flyer from Motorola today which has some concrete info on the

Transparent memory windowing. The MC68838 allows you direct access 'mindows' to the entire address space. Many systems require direct mory access without address translation. Address space windows are quired when the MPU directly accesses video memory or a specific m-chip instruction and data cache. Seperate 256-byte on-chip data instruction caches increase MC68838 performance by reducing the ber of cycles required for data and instruction access.

price.

are reduced and multiple processors can run more efficiently thanks to increased bandwidth of the MC6B030 bus, achieved by the enhanced bus controller allowing high-speed fills of both data and instruction caches. Dynamic mynchronous and asynchronous bus interface. The MC68038 dynamically supports both synchronous and asynchronous devices. It uses the same easy-to-use non-multiplexed asynchronous bus interface

integral to the MC60200 family, and a synchronous bus protocol supports the burst fill mode for both instruction and data caches, permitting a two clock physical bus cycle." That's the end of the Motorola document. From Electronics (Sept18), one learns the device is done in 1.2 micron CMOS & has 128 pins. Clock speed is to start at 28MHz, by the way, with no upper limit specified. Hal Hardenburgh of DTACH GROUNDED face thinks 33MHz is the upper limit for 120ns. DRAM with this sort of bus controller. Device availability is scheduled for mid 1967. Samples in late spring. as well as full technical specifications. One good thing about this chip's existence from my poverty stricken

point of view is that it will make the 68828 systems around drop in

tor on a disk.

We continue from last issue with Wilf R.'s article on his one board speech synthesizer -- ZVOICE.

Listing 4 shows how a TEXT TO SPEECH program can be implimented. A text string is scanned one word at a time, with "spaces" as separators. If the word is in the vocabulary, then the word is spoken; if not found, phonetic pronunciation of the word, or the phrase "WORD UNKNOWN" is spoken.

New words are easily added by defining them as NUMERIC VARIABLES which are then used as an INDEX into the VOCABULARY.

#### SIMPLIFIED EXAMPLE:

B\$=PHONEME DATA FOR "ZVOICE" B=LEN B\$ B\$(B)=CHR\$(CODE B\$(B)+128)A\$(END TO END+B)=B\$ZVOICE=END END=END+B RETURN

A\$ is a I DIMENSION ARRAY which contains the VOCABULARY in phoneme format. B\$ is a new string of phonemes to be added to the VOCABULARY with the last phoneme identified by adding 128 (set BIT

In this example the text word "ZXVOICE"

becomes the name of a numeric variable which is set to END, the pointer to the end of the VOCABULARY. END is updated by adding the length of the new word in B\$ to END. The advantage of this method is natural

sounding speech from text, the disadvantage is memory overhead for the vocabulary.

The concept of a new PHONEME EDITOR is described here which uses cursors or a

joystick to take the tedium out of composing PHONETIC WORDS. This method would arrange the phonemes and common sound element combinations in a matrix or logical array on the screen. The cursor movement would select an element which is provisionally added to the end of a phoneme string and is tested by voicing the whole string including the

new element.

If it sounds good, it is added to the string, by pushing N/L (ENTER), and then the next element is selected and tested. Words are built up and when complete are added to the VOCABULARY. Again the text word can be used as the numeric variable index so that the new phoneme string starts at A\$(TEXT). In this way any word can be accessed and spoken with the simple BASIC routine:

RAND TEXT **RAND USR 16514** 

These routines are just scratching the surface of a comprehensive speech synthesis package.

SO STAY TUNED FOR MORE.

Next time we connect ZVOICE to the TELEPHONE, add some AI and start a FRENCH/ENGLISH dictionary.

Where can I get ZVOICE?

I am donating copies of the software to the CLUB LIBRARY for noncommercial use by club members.

ZVOICE will be offered to club members as a kit of parts, including a PCB, for approximately \$25.00. Available in 4 to 6

WILF R. logging off.

:LISTING 3 BUFF JR BUFF1; LOAD SP0256 DATA INIT JR INIT1; INIT 8255 IF ANY LADR JR LADR1; FIND LINE ADDR. BUFF1

LD HL, (+16400); TOP OF UAR LD CE,05; 3KIP UAR HEADER ADD HL,0E;NOTE BUFF2 INC LD DE, (+16434); ADD OFFSET ADD HL,DE; IN SEED POINTER BUFF2

BUFF2

BUFF2

INC HL;NEXT DATA

SBY1

IN A,27;TEST BIT 7 BUSY BIT 7,A;BEFORE DATA LOAD JR Z SBY1;REPEAT IF BUSY LD A, (HL);GET BUFF DATA OUT 17,A;DAD SP0255 DATA XOR A; A=0

OUT 27,A;STROBE LOU CPL;

OUT 27,A;STROBE HIGH LD A, (HL);GET BUFF DATA BIT 7,A;UAS IT LAST DATA? JR Z SUFF2; IF BIT7=0 LOOP RET; BYE... BUFF1

INIT1 LD A,98;PORT A,C(4-7) = IN OUT 37,A;PORTB,C(0-3) = OUT LD A,0F;DEFAULT DATA=00 OUT 27,A;STROBE HIGH RET;BYE...

LADR1

LD HL, (+16434); LINENUMBER CALL 908; IN SEED CONVEFTS LD DE, 5; TO ADDR. OF LINE ADD HL, DE; SKIP HEADER AND LD B, H; KEY WORD AND PASS LD C, L; ADDR. IN REG BC RET; BACK TO BASIC

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16517
                                                                          LISTING 4
                              4
 16518
                              24
 16519
                              36
                                                                 10REM
 16520
                              24
                                                                 3 DIM A$ (256)
                              43
 16521
                                                                 4 GOSUB 1000
                                                                   LET
                                                                 5
 16522
                              42
                                                                                          HELLO=END
                                                                   DIM Vs (16)
 16523
                              16
                                                                   LET END = END+LEN B$
 16524
                              64
                                                            10 REM PHONEMES ARE ASSEMBLED
IN B$ AND WHEN COMPLETE WORDS
ARE ADDED TO VOCABULARY A$
 16525
                              17
 16526
                              5
 16527
                                                               15 CL3
                              0
                                                               20 PRINT "PHONEME VOCABULARY L
                              25
237
 16528
                                                            ENGTH ="; END
 16529
16530
16531
16532
                              91
                                                               40 PRINT "INPUT PHONEMES Ø TO
                              50
                                                            63"
                                                               50 PRINT """Q"" COMPLETES PHRA
                              64
 16533
16534
                              25
                                                               60 PRINT """VOC""= EXIT TO VOC
                              35
                                                            ABULARY"
 16535
                              219
                                                             110 LET B$=""
                                                           125 IF A=VOC THEN GOTO 310

130 LET B$=B$+CHR$ A

140 PRINT A;";

150 IF A<>0 THEN GOTO 120

199 REM TEXTINPUT/B$ TO BUFFER

200 PRINT AT 19,0;"ENTER TEXT U

ORC(5)"
 16536
                              39
 16537
                              203
 16538
                              127
 16539
                              40
 16540
                              250
 15541
                              126
 16542
                              211
                                                             210 INPUT T$
 16543
                              23
                                                             215 PRINT TS
 15544
                              175
                                                             217
                                                                  LET A$ (END TO END+LEN B$) =B
 16545
                              211
 16546
                              39
                                                             220 RAND END
                                                           230 RAND USR 16515
235 PRINT AT 19,0; "PRESS ""R""
TO REPEAT, ""C"" TO CANCEL, N/L T
 16547
                              47
16548
                              211
 16549
                                                           O CONTINUE"

240 INPUT C$

250 IF C$="R" THEN GOTO 220

260 IF C$="C" THEN GOTO 10
                              39
16550
                              126
16551
                             203
16552
                              127
                                                            270 LET V$(17-LEN T$ TO )=T$
270 LET V$(17-LEN T$ TO )=T$
280 FOR N=1 TO 16
290 POKE 16586+N,CODE V$(N)
295 NEXT N
16553
                             40
16554
                             235
16555
                             201
                                                            300
310
16556
                                                                  GOTO 5
                             62
                                                                  CLS
16557
                             152
                                                          320 PRINT "ENTER WORD TO BE VOI
CED", "NONEXISTING OR MISSPELLED
WORDS RESULT IN ERROR 2/360", "GO
TO VOC OR PHON TO RECOVER"
16558
                             211
16559
                             55
16560
                             62
                                                            330 INPUT C$
340 IF C$="PHON" THEN GOTO PHON
350 PRINT AT 0,0;C$
16561
                             15
16562
                             211
16563
                             39
                                                                 RAND VAL CS
                                                            360
                             201
16564
                                                            370
                                                                  RAND USR 16516
16565
                             42
                                                            380
                                                                  GOTO 310
                                                                 LET END=1
LET G=128
16566
                             50
                                                           1000
                                                           1010
16567
                             64
                                                                 LET VOC=9998
                                                           1020
16568
                             205
                                                           1030
                                                                 LET PHON=9999
                             216
16569
                                                                 LET Bi=
                                                           1060
15570
                             9
                                                          2000
                                                                 RETURN
                                                                 GOTO 310
                                                          9998
16571
                             17
                                                          9999
                                                                 GOTO 5
                             5
15572
 .6573
                             0
16574
                             25
15575
                             63
15576
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16577
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PROGRAMMING: DID YOU KNOW?

#### Dick Wagner

Most BASICs will compare strings as to (,=,), and combinations of these operators. I was surprised to learn that Sinclair BASIC will indeed do this, that is, test one string against another string by using relational symbols. Try this simple test with your 1000 or 2068 computer:

10 LET AS= APC.

20 IF A\$ ) 'GO' THEN PRINT 'ABC IS GREATER THAN GO'

30 IF "GO+0" > A\$ THEN PRINT" GOO IS GREATER THAN ABC"

40 IF "SALLY" ( "GLENDA" THEN GO TO 1000

50 IF "GLENDA") "SALLY" THEN GO TO 1010

1000 PRINT "SALLY = 389 WHILE GLENDA = 427"

1005 REM FOR T/S 1000 SALLY = 244

AND GLENDA = 265 1007 STOP

1010 PRINT "GLENDA IS GREATER THAN SALLY"

You will observe that this method compares on the basis of character weight in terms of ASCII value (or TS 1000 character value). This also works for comparing string arrays.

From the Sinclair Louisville Users Group newsletter.

#### PEEKS AND POKES FOR THE TS1000 by Jim Dodrill

RAND USR 836

To LOAD a program and automatically break into it. Go into FAST, then RAND USR 836, and start your tape.

**USR 3086** 

This scrolls the screen and prints at the same time.
10 PRINT TAB USR 3086 "message"

RAND USR 0

Resets the computer.

POKE 16419,X

This will LIST lines 0 to 255, X being the line you list from to line 255.

POKE 16510.0

This will change the first line to 0. If you have machine code in a REM statement in line 1, this will prevent it from being accidentally erased.

POKE 16418.0

Will allow you to PRINT AT the last two lines. POKE 16418.2

Use after a PRINT statement to get back into normal mode. Will only work in a program line.

RAND USR 3675

Puts computer into FAST mode RAND USR 3883 Puts computer into SLOW mode.

RAND USR 3086 Scrolls up one line

RAND USR 2153 COPY's screen to printer.

RAND USR 2602 Clears screen.









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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

1 POKE 23609,20 2 REM PERPETUAL CALENDAR 2058 4 REM @1984 BY I. AUERSBACHER 8 BORDER 5: BRIGHT 1: CLS : D IH H\$(12,9) 9 BEEP .1,30: GO SUB 1000: CL S 10 PRINT ' PAPER 6;" \*\*\*\* CALEN DAR(1583-9999 AD) \*\*\* TO 12: RE 12 RESTORE : FOR Z=1 TO 12: RE AD M\$(Z): NEXT Z 15 LET Z\$=" 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 91 01112131415161718192021222324252 62728293031": BEEP .05,20 16 INPUT "Y-YEAR, M-PRINT HO, D-DISPLAY:"; LINE T\$ 19 IF T\$="y" THEN GO TO 30 20 INPUT "MONTH (1-12):";A: IF A(1 OR A)12 THEN BEEP .5,-20: G 0 TO 20 30 INPUT "YEAR (YYYY):";B: IF B(1582 OR B)9999 THEN BEEP .5,-2 0: GO TO 30 35 CLS 40 IF t\$="y" THEN FOR x=1 TO 1 40 IF t\$="Y" THEN FUR X=1 IU 1 2: LET a=X 60 LET B=INT B: LET E=B-(A<3) 65 LET C=A+12\*(A<3)+1 70 LET D=INT (E/400)-INT (E/10 0)+INT (1.25+E)+INT (2.6\*C) 75 LET D=D-(7\*INT (D/7))+1 80 IF (A=4)+(A=6)+(A=9)+(A=11) THEN LET C=30 85 IF (A=1)+(A=3)+(A=5)+(A=7)+ (A=8)+(A=10)+(A=12) THEN LET C=3 90 IF A()2 THEN GO TO 200 100 LET C=28: IF (B/4=INT (B/4) )+(B/100()INT (B/100))+(B/400=IN \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 205 PLOT 10,132: DRAW 225,0: DR AW 0,-112: DRAW -225,0: DRAW 0,1 210 PLOT 10,118: DRAW 225,0 220 PRINT AT 6,2; "SU MO TU W E TH FR SA": PRINT AT 3,0; 230 FOR Z=1 TO 6: PLOT 10,116-( Z-1) +16: DRAW 225,0: NEXT Z

240 FOR Z=1 TO 6: PLOT 40+(Z-1)

\$32,132: DRAGU 0,-112: NEXT Z

245 IF ts="\u00fc" AND a=1 THEN LPPI

NT " "; b;" "THEN PRINT Z

27 IF ts="\u00fc" THEN PRINT TAB 12;

(ms(a): GO TO 264

252 PRINT TAB 6; Ms(A); TAB 18; B

264 DIM Cs(74): LET J=8: LET K=

2: LET Cs=Cs( TO 2+D-2) + Zs

270 FOR Z=1 TO C+D-1: PRINT AT

J,K;Cs(2+Z-1 TO 2+Z): LET K=K+4

280 IF (Z/7=INT (Z/7)) THEN LET

J=J+2: LET K=2

290 NEXT Z

295 IF t\$="\u00fc" THEN COPY: NEXT ^296 IF ts="m" THEN COPY 299 INPUT "ANOTHER YEAR OR HONT H? (Y/N):";ys: IF ys()"n" THEN R UN 300 DATA "JANUARY", "FEBRUARY", "
MARCH", "APRIL", "HAY", "JUNE", "JUL
Y", "AUGUST", "SEPTEMBER", "OCTOBER
", "NOUEHBER", "DECEMBER" ","NOVEMBER", DECEMBER 310 STOP 1000 CLS 1010 PRINT "To print the followi ng press:"

1015 PRINT : PRINT

1040 PRINT : L-- To Lprint"

1045 PRINT "C-- "THIS CALENDAR

IS FOR: """ 1050 PRINT "H--- ""HONTH OF BIRT 1060 PRINT "Y--- ""YEAR OF BIRTH 1070 PRINT "N--- If you don't wa nt to Lprint" INKEY\$="m" THEN GO TO 40 00 1130 IF INKEYS="y" THEN GO TO 50 80 1140 TITLINKEYSETT THEN GOTTO BO 00 1150 IF INKEY\$=""" THEN RETURN 1157 IF INKEY\$=""" THEN GO TO 85 00 1160 GO TO 1100 4000 LPRINT : LPRINT " H ONTH Of BIRTH": LPRINT : GO TO 1 100 5000 LPRINT : LPRINT " YEAR OF BIRTH": LPRINT : GO TO 11 00 6000 CL5 : PRINT : PRINT : "Do you want the Lprint CENTERE 6010 IF INKEYS="4" THEN GO TO 61 00 6020 IF INKEY\$=""" THEN GO TO 63 00 6030 GO TO 6010 6100 PRINT : PRINT "Enter up to 32 characters." 6110 INPUT Z\$: IF LEN Z\$>32 THEN GO TO 6110 6150 LET (= (32-LEN z\$) /2 6160 LPRINT TAB INT (;z\$ 6165 LPRINT /6 6170 GO TO 1000 6300 PRINT : PRINT "Enter up to 32 characters. 6310 INPUT Z\$: IF LEN Z\$>32 THEN GO TO 6310 6350 LPRINT ZS 6355 LPRINT ' 6360 GO TO 1000 8500 LPRINT : LPRINT " CALENDAR IS FOR:" 8510 LPRINT : GO TO 1000 THIS

### Tape Backup

Here is a program from Larry Kenny of Larken Electronics to backup any 2068 program. The program requires two tape recorders, one to play the tape, and one to record the program. The program can be located anywhere in free memory. Follow the instructions as given in the program. Once the code is set, it can be SAVEd and LOADed separatly and called by RAND USR x, where x is the starting point of the code. Here is the machine code listing:

0010 ORG 60000 0020 ENT 0030 start IN A, 254 0040 RRA 0050 RRA 0060 RRA 0070 JR NC.exit 0800 BIT 3.A 0090 JR Z.zero 0100 OR 4 0110 OUT 254.A 0120 JR start 0130 exit EI 0140 RET

1 REM Tape To Tape backup program using 2 tape recorders

by LARRY KENNY

10 CLEAR 60000 20 FOR 3=60000 TO 60019 25 READ X: POKE 3,X 30 NEXT 3: CLS 40 PRINT " This Program This Program is fo r making tape to tape copies using the 2053 as a signal reconditioner: PRINT 50 PRINT Using 2 tape recor der's, play the origional tape into the input of the 2058(ea r) and record your backup the output of the 20 ape from Adjust the play vol 68 (mic) . to much on the silent periods of the tape."

50 PRINT: PRINT: tape recorders and start them b th at the same time",," The oth at 70 RANDOMIZE USR 60000

100 DATA 243,219,254,31,31,31,4 8,10,203,95,40,2,246,4,211,254,2 4,239,251,201

\*\*\* HELP \*\*\*

DOES ANYONE HAVE A COPY OF -SKIN DIVER-? #INE WONT LOAD ANY LONGER AND I WOULD APPRECEATE IT IF I COULD MAKE A COPY FROM SOMEONE.....ROD

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BY OLEG D. JEFIMENKO

Have you ever tried to copy drawings from the monitor screen with your 2040 printer? If you have, you know that the printer does not reproduce them correctly: circles become ellipses, squares become elongated and distorted, betweent slanted lines become enlarged or reduced. The reason for these changes is that 2040 printer uses a pixel grid with rectangular rether than with square cells (the original Sinclair printer used a pixel grid with square cells).

A simple adjustment of your PLOT DRAW statements will produce geometrically correct prints of all curves, shapes, and patterns. All that you need to do is to divide the that you need to do is to divide the variable part of the x coordinates in the PLOT or DRAW statements by the "aspect ratio," A=0.82, or to multiply the variable part of the y coordinates by the same ratio. The effect of such an adjustment can be demonstrated with the following examples.

Program 1 (TS 1000 or 1500) draws a diagonal square on the monitor screen. When the square is printed by using the COPY command, the printer changes it into a "diamond, or rhombus (Fig. 1).

Program 2 draws the same square but incorporates the aspect-ratio correction. The print is now a true square, although somewhat distorted because of the low resolution of the computer (Fig. 2). Incidentally, the expressions placed in parentheses in lines 20-50 of Programs 1 and 2 are the variable parts of the x and y coordinates. The constant parts are the coordinates of the center of the square, x=31 and y=21. As mentioned above, only the variable parts need to be adjusted in order to produce correct prints.

Program 3 (TS 1000 or 1500) draws a circle on the monitor screen. When copied by the printer, the circle becomes an ellipse (Fig.3) .

Program 4 draws the same circle corrected for aspect ratio. The

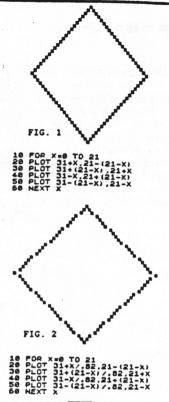
corrected for aspect ratio. The print is now a true circle (Fig. 4).
Program 5 (TS 2068) draws a slanted equilateral triangle on the monitor screen by using a DRAW statement (the same triangle can be drawn by using a PLOT statement, but TDAH (a much feater). The printed DRAH is much faster). The printed copy of the triangle is badly

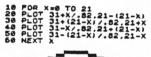
distorted (Fig. 5).
Program 6 draws the same triangle corrected for aspect ratio. Now the triangle is equilateral,

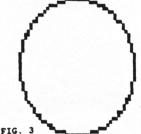
should be (Fig. 6).
Program 7 (TS 2068) draws a circle by using a CIRCLE statement. When copied, the c ellipse (Fig. 7). circle becomes

Program 8 draws the same circle by using a PLOT statement with aspectratio correction (there is no way to use the aspect-ratio correction with CIRCLE statements). The printed copy is a perfect circle (Fig. 8).

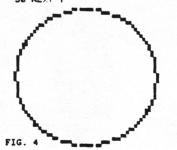
Naturally, you cannot use the same PLOT or DRAW statements to create a correct drawing both on the monitor screen and on the printout; one or the other will always be distorted.







16 FOR T=0 TO 2+PI STEP 1/21 20 PLOT 31+21+CO5 T,21+21+5IN 30 NEXT T

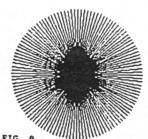


10 FOR T=0 TO 2+PI STEP 1/21 26 PLOT 31+21+CO5 T/.82,21+21+ SIN T 30 NEVT T

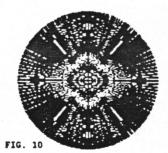
# **IMELINEZ**

What happens if you incorporate the aspect-ratio correction into the the aspect-ratio correction into the y coordinates rather than into the x coordinates? Remove the division by 0.82 in the above programs and multiply the variable parts of the y coordinates by 0.82 instead. The printed copies will be correct again, although smaller than before. for this reason it is usually safer to incorporate the aspect-ratio correction into the y coordinates: since the drawings become smaller, there is no danger of running out of screen when the correction is made.

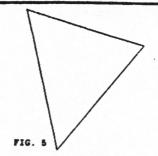
As the final demonstration of the aspect-ratio correction, examine Figs. 9 and 10. They show the two ornamental designs created by Ted Knyssek (RAMTOP, December 1985, p. 3) corrected for aspect ratio. The original shapes were elliptical; the corrected ones are circular. The correction was made by using x/0.82 instead of x in the DRAW statements of the original programs.



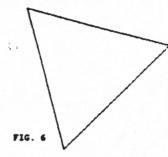
5 FOR A=0 TO 360 STEP 3 10 LET X=80+5IN (A+PI/100) 20 LET Y=80+CD5 (A+PI/100) 25 PLDT 120,87: DRAU X/.02,Y 30 NEXT A



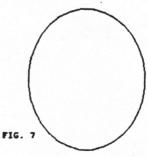
DUER 1 LET LI=480 LET A=8: LET ANG=2\*PI/LI FOR I=1 TO LI LET X=55\*COS A LET Y=55\*SIN A PLOT 128,88 DARW X/.82.Y LET A=8+ANG MEXT I 16 26 36 48 56 76 66 96 186



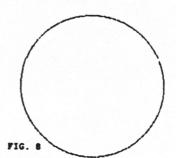
10 PLOT 20 DRAU 30 DRAU 174+5IN 40 DRAU 48.174 174+51N (PI/12),-174 174-174+51N (PI/12),17 (PI/12) -174,174+51N (PI/12)



16 PLOT 48,174 28 DRAU 17465IN (PI/12)/.62,-1 38 DRAU (174-174+5IN (PI/12))/ 12,174-174+5IN (PI/12) 48 DRAU -174/.82,174+5IN (PI/1



18 CIRCLE 128,87,87



10 FOR T=8 TO 2+PI STEP 1/87 26 PLOT 128+87+CO5 T/.82,87+87 36 NEXT T

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